GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Ante date stamps scandal - allegations against Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) and certain registration officials of Zone-II and Zone-III – disciplinary proceedings initiated – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Regular Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Show cause notice Issued – Representation received – punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.27,845/- imposed – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILIANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1168 Dated:19-11-2015

Read the following:

1. DIG, R&S (MV), O/o the C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., (Preliminary Enuqiry Officer) Lr.No.29788/Enqy/95, dt:21-4-1997.
2. C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Procs.No.Vig.2/25922/1995, dt:17-4-2010
3. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-8, dt:31-5-2010.
4. Enquiry Report of DIG, R&S, Guntur (REO) Lr.No.A1/132/2010-1, dt:13-3-2012.
5. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-43, dt:5-12-2013.
6. Representation of charged officer Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former SR (Retd) dt:24-1-2014.
7. Govt., Lr.No.1454/Vig.II(1)/2010-60, dt:31-7-2015.
8. APPSC Lr.No.779/DC&C/2/2015, dt:7-10-2015.

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ORDER:

Where as in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & Zone-III were involved in ante dated stamps scandal in connection with the registration of documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

2. And whereas, on the directions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Preliminary Enquiry officer i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had submitted the report stating that certain registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer in the reference 1st read above.

3. Whereas, on the findings of Preliminary Enquiry Officer, the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has framed the following charge against Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among certain other Registration officials.

Charge:

That the said Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, while working as SR, Tenali registered the Document Nos.1589 and 1727 of 1995 without verifying the date of purchase of stamps sold by Sri Ch.Radha Krishna Murthy, Stamp Vendor, Guntur, Sri K.Rama Rao, Stamp Vendor, Nallapadu as required in IG of R&S instructions vide Memo.No.MV1/5000/92, dt:26-7-1993 and 27-8-1993. In the preliminary enquiry, it was prima facie

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established that the stamp vendors have sold the stamps used for the above documents with ante dates to facilitate the parties to draft documents with ante dates in order to evade payment of stamp duty on the revised market values which have come into force w.e.f 1-4-1995. On account of selling of stamps with ante dates and Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, registered the documents without verifying the date of selling of stamps, Government sustained a loss of Revenue of Rs.27,845/-.

4. After receipt of Written Statement of Defence, the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had appointed the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur as Regular Enquiry Officer in the matter in the reference 2nd read above. In the reference 4th read above, the Regular Enquiry Officer submitted the report holding the charges held proved against Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among certain others. The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur i.e., Inquiring Authority has forwarded the Regular Enquiry Officer report to Governmetn for taking further action in the matter under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. Whereas, Government after examining the Regular Enquiry Officer report in the reference 4th read above, and after taking consideration of all the facts including heavy loss caused to State exchequer have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss i.e., Rs.27,845/- against Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) for the charge held proved among certain others. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice has been issued in the reference 5th read above with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed punishment should not be imposed against him.

6. In the reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) has submitted representation staing mainly among others that as per the instructions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registrtion & Stamps in Memo No.MV1/5000/92, Dated 26-07-1993, all the Sub-Registrars should seize the records of licensed stamp vendors and document writers on the last working day prior to the date of implementation of new Market values and stated that those records should be closed and attested by the Sub-Registrars. He has further stated that the records so closed should be submitted to the District Registrars concerned and stated that the District Registrars in their turn should attest closure entries in the records of document writers and stamp vendors and return the records of the Document Writers to the concerned Sub-Registrars retaining the records of the stamp vendors in his office for preservation and also stated that if any document executed prior to the date of implementation is presented for Registration, the registering officer should check the document writers register and satisfy himself that the said documents were duly entered in the register prior to its closure. In this regard, he has stated that these steps are very essential to leave no scope for tampering with the entry at a later date and stated that as per the above instructions, the Sub-Registrar need not to verify the date of purchase of stamps as said in the Article-I of charge memo, because the stamp vendors registers are under personal custody of District Registrar and stated that hence, there is no scope for tampering of records, nor was it possible for him to verify stamp vendors registers as they belong to another and those registers were with the District Registrar himself. He has further stated that as per the above instructions, the duty of the Registering Officer is to check the document writers registers and satisfy himself that the said documents were

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duly entered in the registers of the document writers prior to its closure and stated that even now, no specific orders were issued to the Sub Registrar, to verify the Stamp Vendors registers of another Sub District which were under personal custody of the District Registrar. He has further stated that he had registered only two documents (1) Document No. 1589 of 1995 and (2) Document No.1727 of 1995 prior to 06-05-1995 and stated that the new instructions in this regard were issued by the C&IG, R&S on 06-05-1995 and stated that as per those instructions the Sub-Registrars have to kept the document pending and the officers appointed by the DIG have to verify the documents with those registers kept within the personal custody of the District Registrar concerned but not Sub-Registrars and stated that the regular enquiry officer submitted the misleading report to the Government stating that the above two documents relating to him. Therefore, he has requested the Government to look into these issues and do the Justice.

7. Government have examined the matter in light of the Regular Enquiry Officer report taking into consideration of the representation of the Charged Officer Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) have decided to reduce the proposed punishment of 50% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.27,845/- to 10% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.27,845/- against Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the department in the reference 8th read above. (copy enclosed).

8. Therefore, Government, hereby order to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of loss of Rs.27,845/- against the Charged Officer Sri K.Dasaratharami Reddy, former Sub Registrar (Retired) for registering the documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

9. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
The Individual (w.e) (through the Director & Inspector General,
Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh., Hyderabad with a
request to serve the order and furnish the served copy with dated
acknowledgement to Government for record).

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Principal Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Vijayawada / Guntur.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur / Eluru.
The Central Bureau, Crime Investigation Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER